

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. Cancelled.

2. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A terminal protective device for ~~the~~ a compressor according to claim 1, comprising:

a terminal fence fixed to the outer surface of a hermetically sealed vessel so as to surround a terminal attached to the hermetically sealed vessel; and

a terminal cover attached to the terminal fence so as to cover the terminal,

wherein the terminal cover has the shape of a substantially rectangular box and it is held on its upper or lower surface as well as right and left surfaces by the terminal fence, and

wherein the terminal fence comprises a holding piece positioned on the opposite sides of the terminal to hold the terminal cover, and a receiving piece which is positioned below the terminal and on which the terminal cover is laid, and the projecting dimension of the receiving piece from the hermetically sealed vessel is larger than that of the holding piece.

3. (Original) The terminal protective device for the compressor according to claim 2, wherein the holding piece comprises an engagement hole, and the terminal cover comprises a plurality of engaging protrusions which detachably engage with the engagement hole on opposite side surfaces, and

the engaging protrusion positioned in the vicinity of the middle of the side surface of the terminal cover is set to be higher than the other engaging protrusion.

4. (Original) The terminal protective device for the compressor according to claim 3, wherein the terminal cover comprises attachment guide portions positioned on the opposite sides of the receiving piece, the tip corner portion of the receiving piece of the terminal fence is formed in a curved shape, and the dimension of the attachment guide portion is set to be smaller than the right/left surface dimension of the receiving piece.

5. (Currently amended) A The terminal protective device for a compressor, ~~comprising: a terminal fence fixed to the outer surface of a hermetically sealed vessel so as to surround a terminal attached to the hermetically sealed vessel; and a terminal cover attached to the terminal fence so as to cover the terminal;~~

~~wherein the terminal cover has the shape of a substantially rectangular box and it is held on its upper or lower surface as well as right and left surfaces by the terminal fence, according to claim 2 and wherein the terminal cover further~~ comprises a lead wire drawing portion, and the lead wire drawing portion is cut out/ and formed so as to be gradually narrowed from an open side on a terminal fence side, and is partially covered with the terminal fence in a state in which the terminal cover is held by the terminal fence.

6. (Currently amended) A The terminal protective device for a compressor, ~~comprising: a terminal fence fixed to the outer surface of a hermetically sealed vessel so as to surround a terminal attached to the hermetically sealed vessel; and a terminal cover attached to the terminal fence so as to cover the terminal;~~

according to claim 2 wherein the terminal cover ~~has the shape of a substantially rectangular box and it is held on its upper or lower surface as well as right and left surfaces by the terminal fence and the terminal fence integrally includes an earth terminal positioned in an empty space in the terminal cover.~~

7. - 12. Cancelled.